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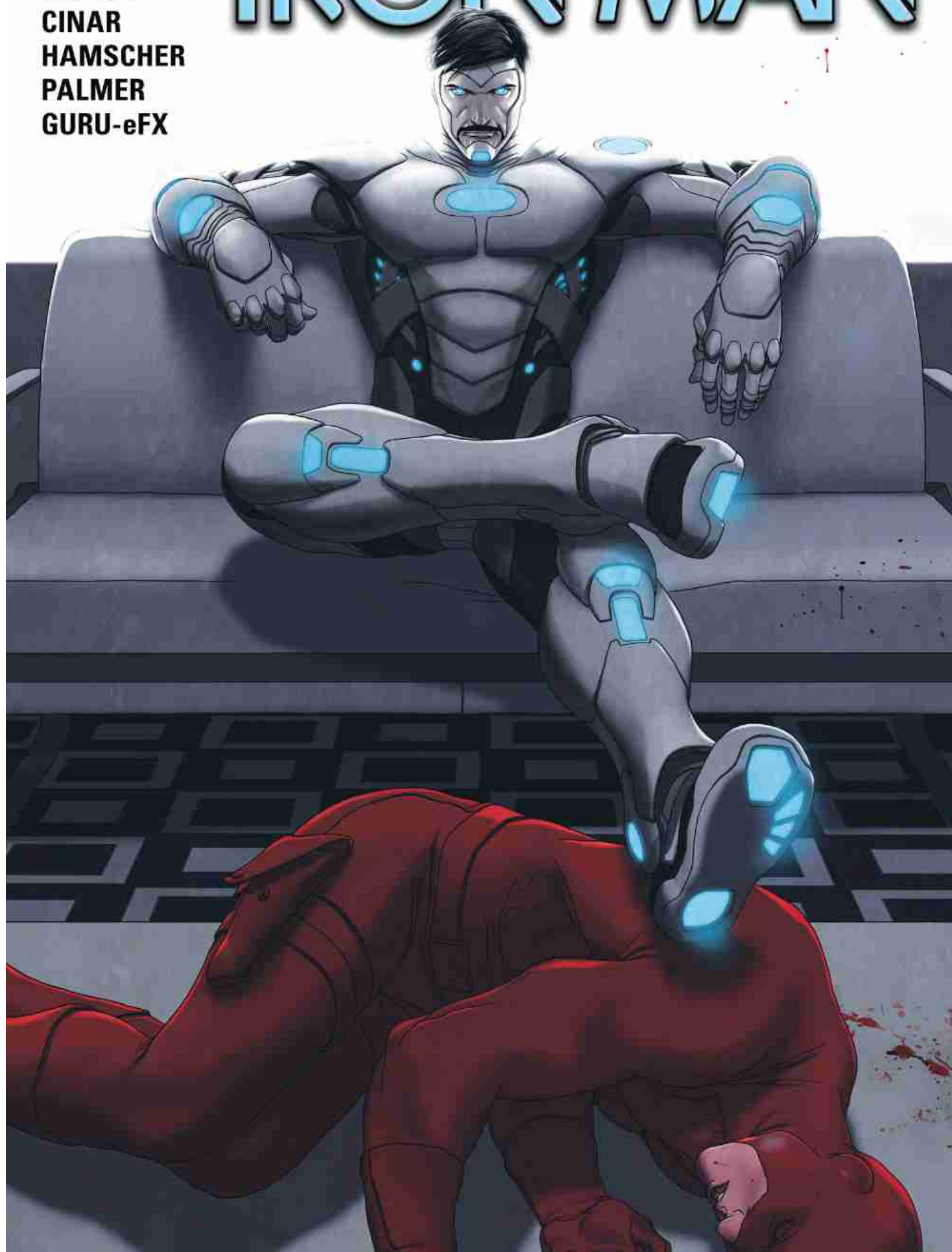
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**AVENGERS
NOW!**

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IRON MAN[®]





BE BEAUTIFUL • BE INTELLIGENT • BE HEALTHY • BE IMMORTAL

BE SUPERIOR



Tony Stark is a technological visionary...a famous, wealthy and unparalleled inventor. With the world's most advanced and powerful suit of armor, Stark has valiantly protected the innocent as the golden Avenger known as IRON MAN.

A recent battle with a mentally powered villain has altered Stark's mind. With a more arrogant and aggressive personality surfacing, Stark used San Francisco to beta test his newest invention...the Extremis 3.0 app. It can improve people's lives, making them more attractive, smarter and healthier...but it comes at a cost and not everyone can afford it. San Francisco's population is now divided into two groups—mere humans and those who are...*superior*.

Daredevil (A.K.A. Matt Murdock) tried confronting Stark about the negative effects Extremis 3.0 was having on the city, but it resulted in the blind hero being cured by the app. Murdock didn't like what he saw and has decided to stop the "superior" Stark once and for all.

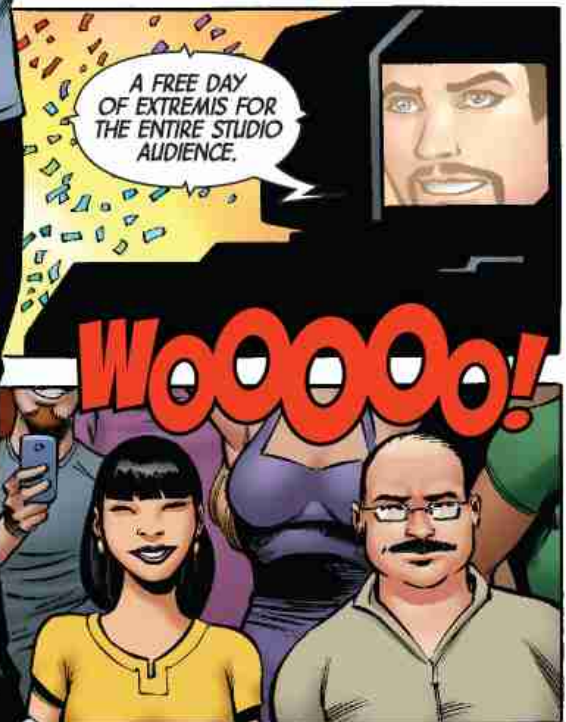
CHAPTER 4: THE CHOICE

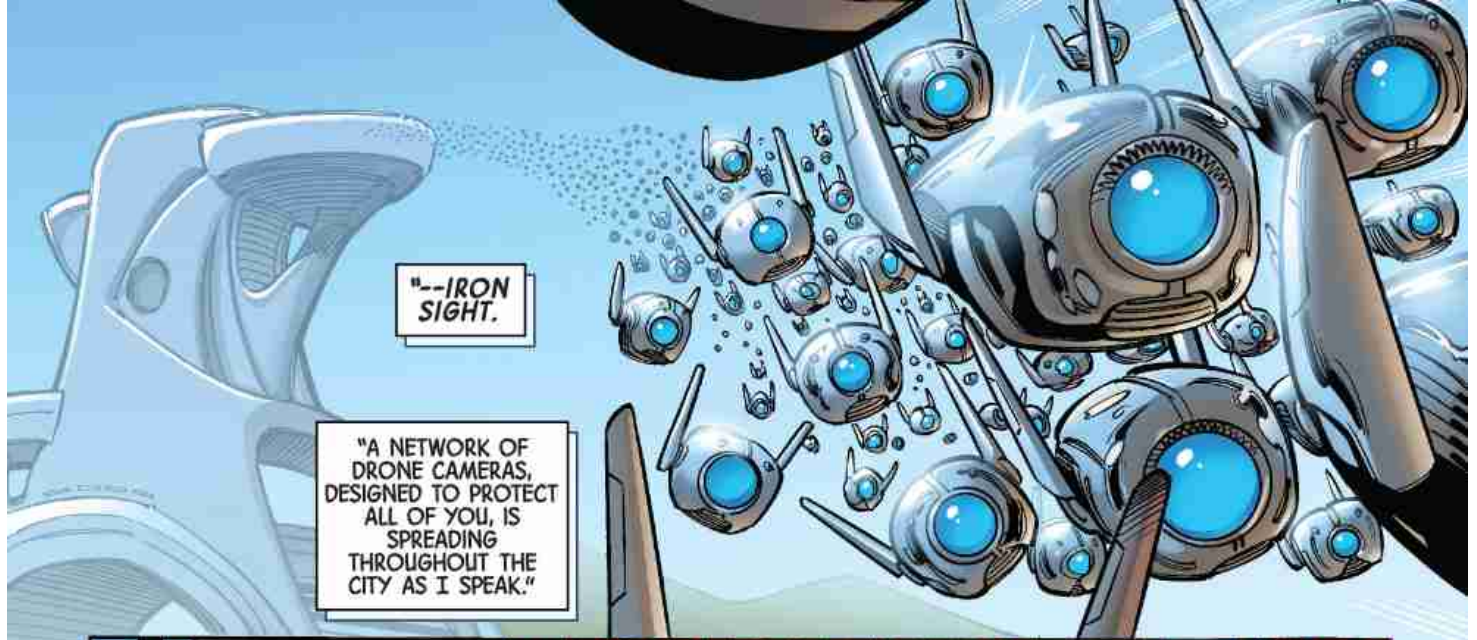
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"--IRON
SIGHT."

"A NETWORK OF
DRONE CAMERAS,
DESIGNED TO PROTECT
ALL OF YOU, IS
SPREADING
THROUGHOUT THE
CITY AS I SPEAK."



WHEN USERS DOWNLOADED
THE FREE EXTREMIS APP, YOUR
DATA WAS UPLOADED TO THE
IRON SIGHT SECURITY
DATABASE.

THE DATABASE
KNOWS YOUR
ONLINE HABITS, YOUR
MOVEMENTS, YOUR
LOCATION AND WHO
YOU INTERACT
WITH.



"AND, THANKS TO INFORMATION GATHERED BY YOUR PHONE
CAMERAS AND ACCELEROMETERS, THE DRONES HAVE ALMOST
INFALLIBLE FACIAL AND GAIT RECOGNITION."

IDENTIFIED:
MASON THOMAS.

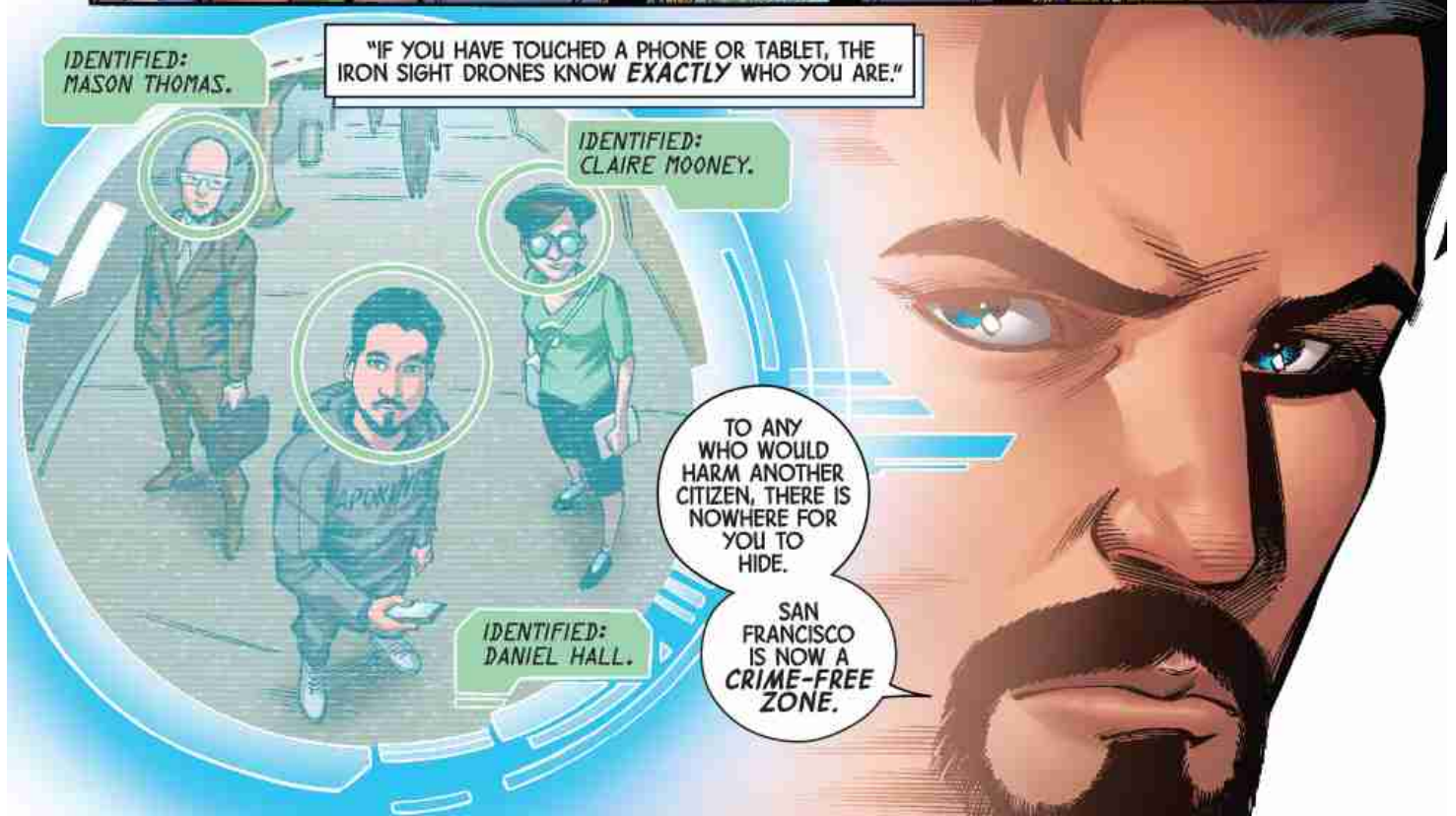
"IF YOU HAVE TOUCHED A PHONE OR TABLET, THE
IRON SIGHT DRONES KNOW *EXACTLY* WHO YOU ARE."

IDENTIFIED:
CLAIRE MOONEY.

IDENTIFIED:
DANIEL HALL.

TO ANY
WHO WOULD
HARM ANOTHER
CITIZEN, THERE IS
NOWHERE FOR
YOU TO
HIDE.

SAN
FRANCISCO
IS NOW A
CRIME-FREE
ZONE.



I missed something.

Something on Canton Street, when Stark was distributing his free Extremis.

I was listening to Tony manipulate that poor father.

IDENTIFIED:
MATTHEW MURDOCK.
A.K.A. DAREDEVIL.
TRACK AND FLAG.

HOSTILE ACTION
DETECTED. EVADE.

But there was another sound. A wave of sound.

Almost inaudible, even to me.

Something I've never heard before.

The sound of all of those people downloading Extremis.

A sound...

CSHHHH

Oh, Stark--

CRSSHHH

MATTHEW MURDOCK--

--YOU HAVE DESTROYED AN IRON SIGHT DRONE. THIS IS YOUR FIRST WARNING.

NO LEGAL ACTION WILL BE PENDING AT THIS STAGE, BUT A BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR HOME. YOU ARE BOUND TO PAY THIS WITHIN--

CRCK

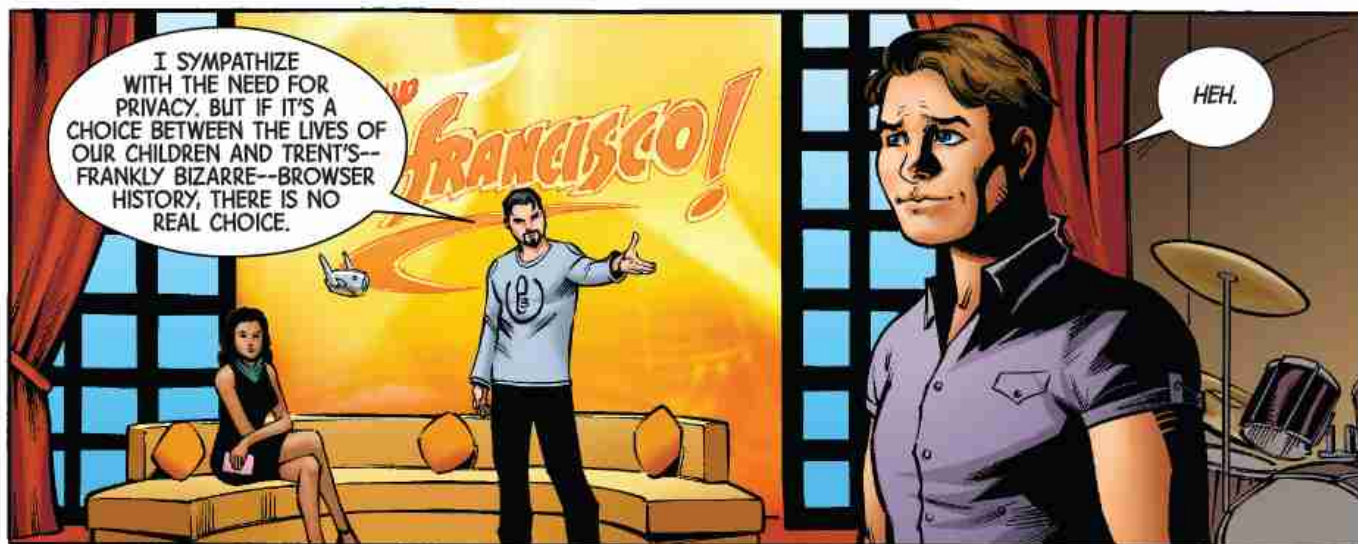
--I know what you've done. You bastard.



...AND THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT HOME-GROWN CRIMINALS.

THE IRON SIGHT SECURITY WEB WILL CATCH TERRORISTS, CRIMINALS, SUPER VILLAINS... ANYONE ENTERING SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE KNOWN AND RECORDED WITHIN SECONDS.

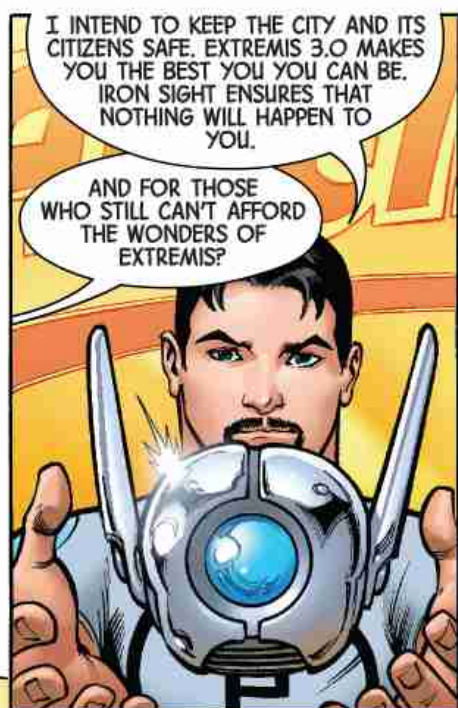
ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT PRIVACY ISSUES?



I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE NEED FOR PRIVACY, BUT IF IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND TRENT'S-- FRANKLY BIZARRE--BROWSER HISTORY, THERE IS NO REAL CHOICE.

SAN FRANCISCO!

HEH.



I INTEND TO KEEP THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS SAFE. EXTREMIS 3.0 MAKES YOU THE BEST YOU YOU CAN BE. IRON SIGHT ENSURES THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.

AND FOR THOSE WHO STILL CAN'T AFFORD THE WONDERS OF EXTREMIS?



THIS IS HOW YOU GIVE THE PEOPLE SOMETHING TO ASPIRE TO. BY PUTTING IT JUST OUT OF REACH AND WATCHING THEM CLAW FOR IT.

THIS IS THE "TRICKLE-UP" EFFECT. ALL THOSE DRIPS CLAMBERING FOR THE CHANCE TO BE SOMETHING BETTER. THE STRONG WILL BE STRONGER, THE WEAK WILL TRY HARDER.



THE APP IS NOT PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE. IT IS WITHIN YOUR REACH. BUT YOU NEED TO TAKE SOME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

YOU NEED TO TRY HARDER. YOU NEED TO EARN MORE. YOU NEED TO BE BETTER. YOU NEED TO BE SUPERIOR.

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP, SAN FRANCISCO.



I'M SORRY TO CUT THIS SHORT, MANDY, BUT SOMETHING'S COME UP--



"...TROUBLE
AT HOME."

ROOOAARCH!

STARK ISLAND.

STAND
DOWN!

I
DON'T
WANT
TO!

LAST
CHANCE.

STAND
DOWN.

CLW

WHA--

CHOOM

THIS IS PRIVATE
PROPERTY.

LOWER YOUR
WEAPONS.



MARIA HILL.



THE DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D. DOESN'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE. YOU COULD HAVE CALLED.

WE DID CALL. MANY, MANY TIMES, TONY.

THAT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE. I ACTUALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHO ANSWERS MY PHONE ANYMORE.



I CAME TO SEE YOU IN PERSON BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED. WE'RE MONITORING YOU, TONY. I DON'T LIKE YOUR RECENT ACTIONS. WE NEED TO TALK.

YOU BROUGHT A LOT OF GUNS AND SOLDIERS FOR A "TALK."



YOU ARE HARBORING THE FUGITIVE KNOWN AS TEEN ABOMINATION.

PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT NAME. IT'S AS RIDICULOUS AS IT IS ILL-CONCEIVED.



HE ESCAPED FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. CUSTODY, CAUSED DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ATTACKED S.H.I.E.L.D. PERSONNEL.

I WILL PAY FOR THE DAMAGE. I SAVED THE PERSONNEL.

AND I WILL SAVE THE BOY.



WHY?

I HAVE MY REASONS. BUT ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS HE'S ON AN ISLAND. HE WON'T BE HURTING ANYONE.

HE'S WANTED.

NO. HE ISN'T.



I HAD A TEAM OF STARK LAWYERS MAKE SURE THE WARRANT WAS RESCINDED OVERNIGHT.



HE--

DON'T PUSH THIS, MARIA. NOT HERE. NOT NOW. I WILL EMBARRASS YOU AND YOUR AGENTS--

--AND I WILL MAKE SURE THE WHOLE WORLD WATCHES AS IT HAPPENS.



STARK
TOWER.

WELL...
THAT WAS
TENSE.

THEY
SHOULD LEAVE
YOU ALONE
NOW.



NOW, IF
YOU'RE STAYING
HERE, THERE ARE
SOME HOUSE
RULES.

RULE
ONE. NO
TOUCHING.

WHAT?



THERE ARE
HUNDREDS OF
FRAGILE, EXPENSIVE AND,
IN SOME INSTANCES,
IRREPLACEABLE,
THINGS AROUND
YOU.

YOU'RE A
WALKING LUMP
OF DESTRUCTION.
DON'T TOUCH
ANYTHING.



RULE TWO.
NO MORE RAGE-
FIGHTS. THAT ONE'S
PRETTY SELF-
EXPLANATORY.

RULE THREE.
THERE WILL BE
NO "TEEN
ABOMINATION"
IN THIS
TOWER.

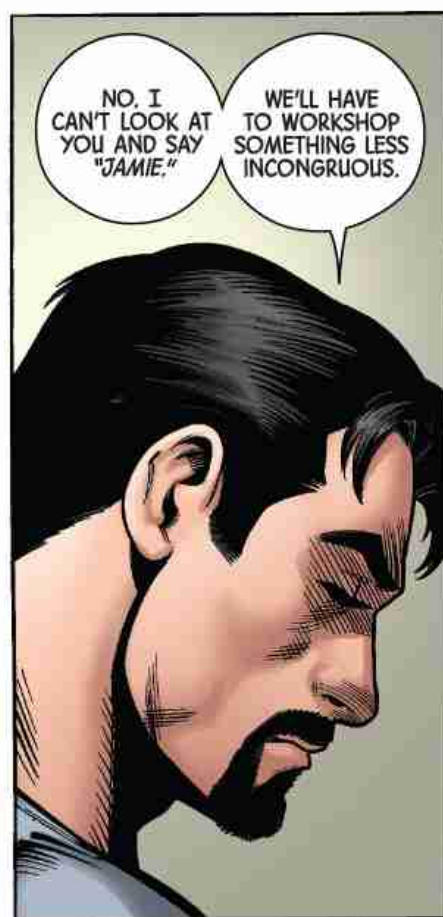
WHAT'S
YOUR REAL
NAME?



JAMIE.

YES.

REALLY?

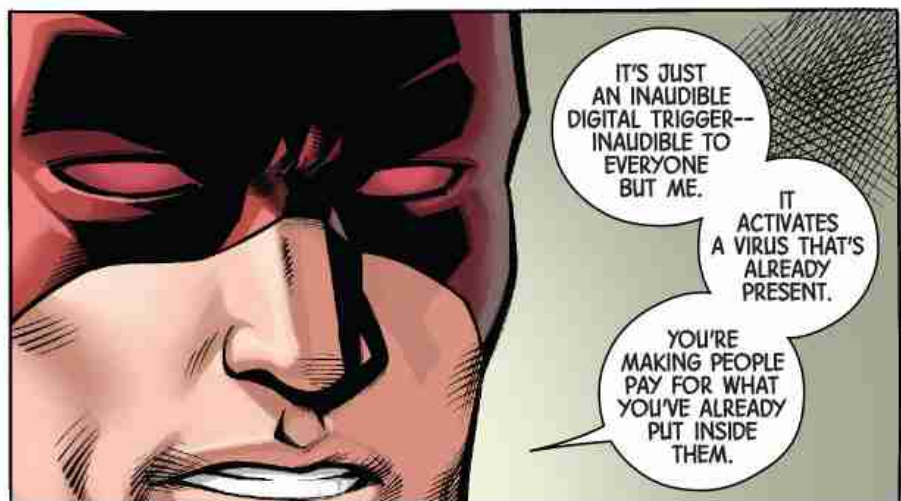


NO. I
CAN'T LOOK AT
YOU AND SAY
"JAMIE."

WE'LL HAVE
TO WORKSHOP
SOMETHING LESS
INCONGRUOUS.

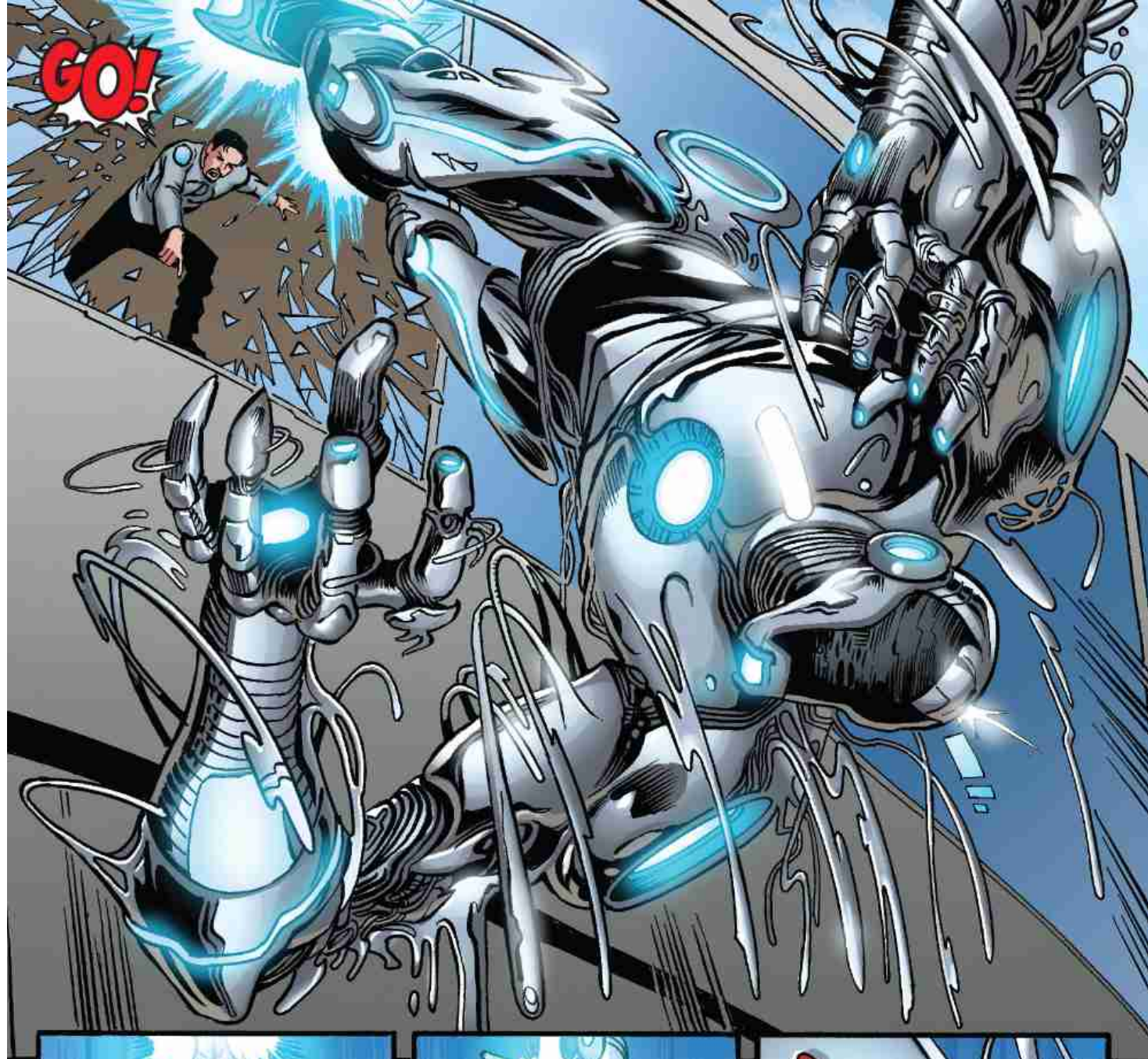


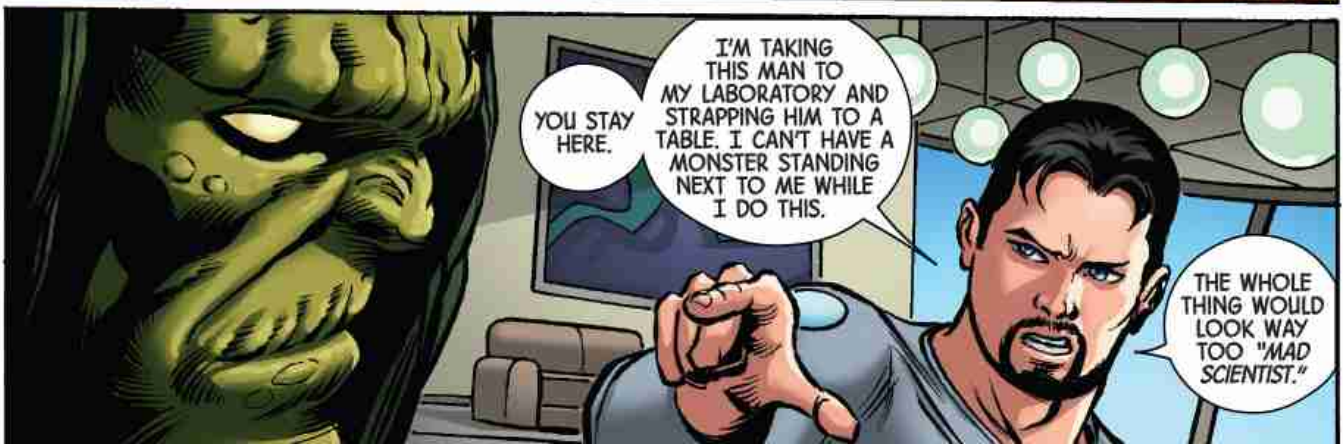
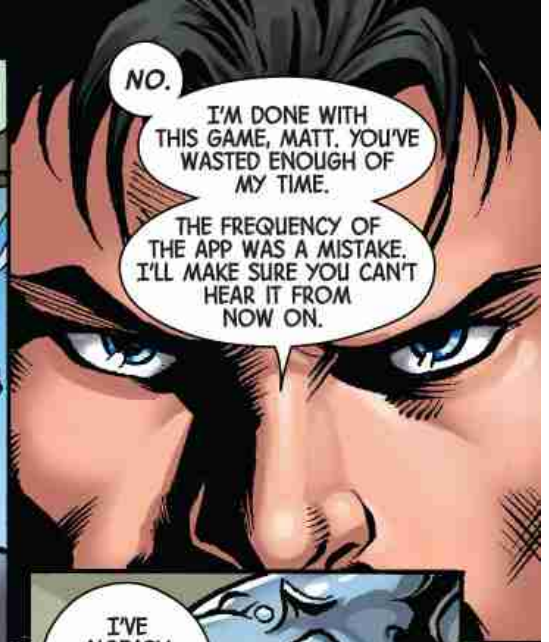












LET ME
OUT OF
THIS.

NO.

I'M DONE WITH
THIS GAME, MATT. YOU'VE
WASTED ENOUGH OF
MY TIME.

THE FREQUENCY OF
THE APP WAS A MISTAKE.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T
HEAR IT FROM
NOW ON.

I'VE
ALREADY
HEARD IT. YOU
CAN'T UNDO
THAT.

YES.
I CAN.

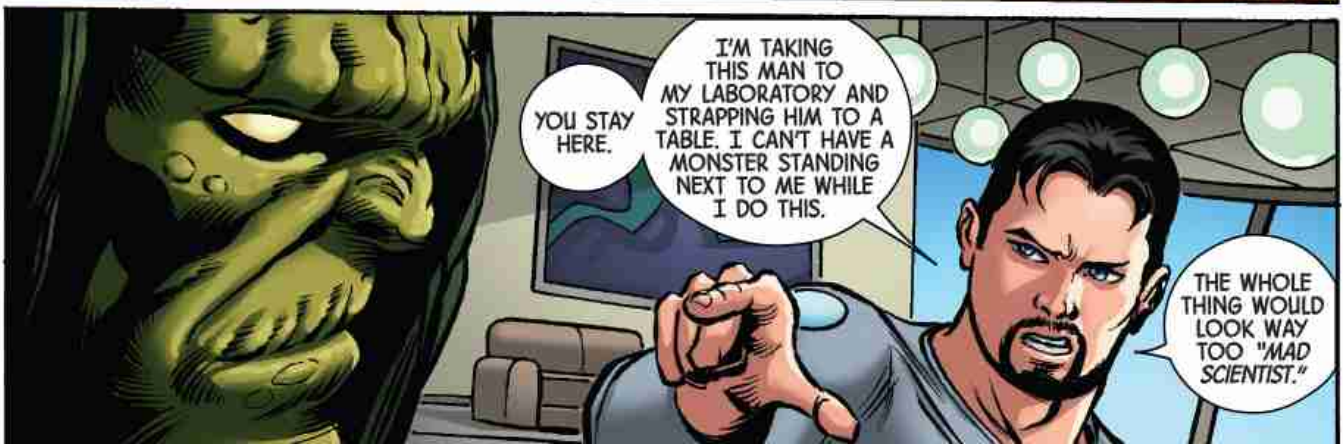
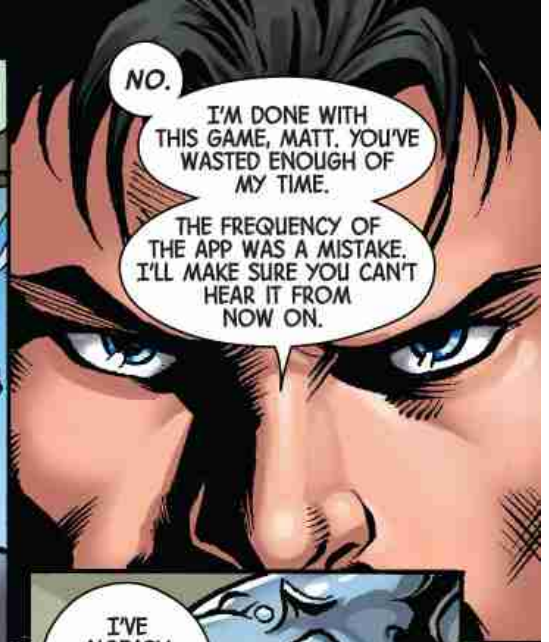
STARK!
YOU--

MMF--!

YOU STAY
HERE.

I'M TAKING
THIS MAN TO
MY LABORATORY AND
STRAPPING HIM TO A
TABLE. I CAN'T HAVE A
MONSTER STANDING
NEXT TO ME WHILE
I DO THIS.

THE WHOLE
THING WOULD
LOOK WAY
TOO "MAD
SCIENTIST."



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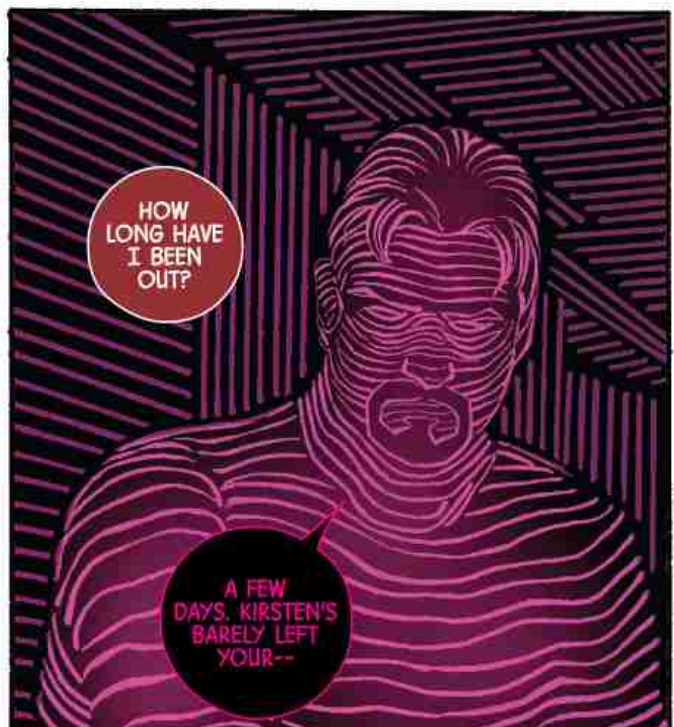
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NEXT ISSUE:

THE SECRET ORIGIN OF TEEN ABOMINATION!

